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SUBJECT: DRAFT NOTE FOR NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS COMMITMENT

1. AS REPORTED SEPTEL, FORM AND CONTENT OF MODEL NOTE TO BE USED BY NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS TO TAKE GUIDELINES COMMITMENT DISCUSSED BUT NOT FINALIZED. UK WILL DRAFT AND DISTRIBUTE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION BY GOVERNMENTS.
2. ALTHOUGH UK DRAFT STILL TO BE COMPLETED, THE U.S. STRONGLY URGED THAT SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPH ON IMPLEMENTATION (APPROVED AT LAST VPWG) BE INCLUDED IN GOVERNMENT NOTE.
3. JAPAN AND FRANCE EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT NOTE REFLECT "UNILATERAL" COMMITMENT TO APPLY GUIDELINES RATHER THAN MULTILATERAL, CARTEL-LIKE ENGAGEMENT. FRANCE ALSO EXPRESSED NEED FOR WITHDRAWAL CLAUSE. BRITISH WILL ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE ALL THESE CONCERNS IN DRAFT TO BE CIRCULATED.

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4. EXACT NATURE OF GOVERNMENTAL UNDERTAKING TO BE

CONTAINED IN NOTE IS NOT SETTLED. ON ONE HAND, SUPPLIERS ALL SEEMED READY TO GO ALONG WITH STATEMENT IN NOTE SAYING THEY "WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE GUIDELINES PAPER." ON OTHER HAND, FRENCH, SUPPORTED BY JAPANESE, AND REVIEWED BY UK AS CHAIRMAN, CHARACTERIZED UNDERTAKING AS STATEMENT OF POLICY EACH GOVERNMENT WILL ADOPT RATHER THAN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AMONG SUPPLIERS.

5. JAPANESE ALSO MADE STATEMENT CONCERNING FORM OF NOTE AND NATURE OF COMMITMENT:

"JAPANESE STATEMENT 5/11/75

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION AND ASK FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING ON THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS: FIRSTLY, WHEN EACH GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES THE OTHER SIX GOVERNMENTS, WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT THIS BE DONE WITHOUT GIVING PUBLICITY, PARTICULARLY ON THE NAMES OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND ON THE VERY EXISTENCE OF A COMMON AGREEMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE LETTERS TO BE EXCHANGED HAVE THE CHARACTER OF A VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF THE INTENTION OF EACH GOVERNMENT. SECONDLY AS WE POINTED OUT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THE AIM OF THE WHOLE EXERCISE IS TO WORK OUT A SET OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS AMONG SUPPLIER NATIONS AND THAT THE METHOD BY WHICH THESE PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS ARE PUT INTO EFFECT IS LEFT TO EACH SUPPLIER NATION, WE WOULD LIKE THIS IDEA TO BE SOMEHOW STATED IN OUR OWN COVERING LETTER, THOUGH WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME THING. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT IN OUR LETTER THAT PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE GUIDELINES ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, MY GOVERNMENT WILL BE FULLY ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THEM AT SUCH A STAGE AS WE CONSIDER JAPAN'S LAWS AND REGULATIONS BECOME SO BEFITTED. IN ANY CASE, THE WORDING OF THE COVERING LETTER, AS A WHOLE, IS WHAT WE SHOULD CONSULT WITH OUR HIGHER AUTHORITY AND WE CANNOT GIVE HERE OUR FINAL OPINION. WE PROPOSE TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION AND TO FINALIZE THE WORDING THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS

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